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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ANNOUNCES NEW CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

(Boise). The Idaho State Board of Education has named Chester (Chet) Herbst its new Chief Financial Officer. The position became vacant upon the selection of Matt Freeman as the Board's new Executive Director. Freeman had formerly been the Chief Financial Officer.

"Chet brings a strong background in higher education finance and policy," said Freeman. "His experience in working with the State Board of Education and the Idaho Legislature will be very valuable as we work to provide high quality education opportunities, from kindergarten to career, in order to increase education attainment in Idaho and meet the talent needs of business and industry."

Herbst has been an administrator with Lewis-Clark State College (LCSC) since 2001, serving first as the Special Assistant to the President and Director of Institutional Planning, Research and Assessment before becoming Vice President for Finance and Administration. Prior to joining LCSC, he served 30 years in the United States Air Force and retired with the rank of Colonel.

"I look forward to joining the staff of the State Board of Education, and applying my experience as an administrator at one of our state's public higher education institutions. I think that is a perspective I can contribute to the Board as it develops education policy in Idaho," said Herbst.

The State Board of Education is charged with the general supervision, governance and control of the public educational institutions and the public school system of the State of Idaho. To learn more about the Idaho State Board of Education, please visit www.boardofed.idaho.gov.

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